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ASSEMBLY, AND METHOD FOR SECURING A

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Sir:

## PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed April 5, 2001 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from June 5, 2001 to August 5, 2001.

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Applicant notes that inasmuch as August 5, 2001 fell on a Sunday, the actual due date is Monday, August 6, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$390.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.  $\underline{A}$  duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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